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FOR ARELLANO, ARA

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV, ETRD, OVIP
SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH PM WILLIAMS AND EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS MINISTER DONALDSON.

DURING THE RECEPTION LAST NIGHT FOR THE GROUP OF BANKERS
HERE FOR THE SIGNING CEREMONY FOR THE EURO-DOLLAR LOAN,
I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION OF SEVERAL MATTERS
WITH BOTH PM WILLIAMS AND MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
DONALDSON:

1. THE PM OBLIQUELY RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE
EX-IM LOAN APPLICATION FOR THE IRON AND STEEL MILL BY
INFORMING ME THAT A BRAZILIAN DELEGATION WOULD BE IN
TOWN NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS SALE OF IRON ORE. HE NOTED
THAT IT IS MUCH EASIER DOING BUSINESS WITH BANKERS THAN
GOVERNMENTS. THEY MAKE DECISIONS. HE THEN ASKED WHY
USG IS DELAYING DECISION ON STEEL MILL FINANCING.

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2. WHEN I RAISED THE QUESTION OF HIS ATTENDANCE AT
THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY SIGNING AND A POSSIBLE MEETING
WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, HE EXPRESSED HIS VIEW THAT FACE-
TO-FACE MEETINGS BETWEEN HEADS OF GOVERNMENTS OFTEN
RESULT IN JUDGEMENTS AFFECTING OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH
LEAD PEOPLE LIKE PEREZ AND MANLEY TO ASSUME ROLES THAT

ARE UNACCEPTABLE TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. (IN THIS CONNECTION, IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR POST TO RECEIVE A SYNOPSIS OF THE PEREZ-CARTER TALKS IF SUCH CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO US.) (FOR KINGSTON: HAVE YOU KNOWLEDGE OF THE CONTENTS OF THE MANLEY LETTER TO WILLIAMS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 4(11) OF WILLIAMS LETTER TO SECRETARY VANCE?)

3. DONALDSON CONFIRMED THAT GOTTLIEB DOES NOT PLAN TO ACT ON LOAN REQUESTS FROM EITHER GUYANA OR JAMAICA OUTSIDE

THE CONTEXT OF ITS PROPOSED CARIBBEAN AID CONSORTIUM. WHEN I POINTED OUT THAT CONSIDERATION OF CONTORIUM PROPOSAL WILL TAKE SOME TIME, HE REPLIED SIMPLY THAT THE NEXT MOVE WAS UP TO USG.

4. COMMENT: WHILE THERE IS NOTHING NEW IN WILLIAMS VIEWS, IT APPEARS THAT GOTTLIEB'S HASTE IN SUBMITTING THE CONSORTIUM PROPOSAL WAS AT LEAST IN PART DESIGNED TO EASE IT FROM THE UNCOMFORTABLE HOOK ON WHICH THE GUYANESE AND JAMAICAN LOAN REQUESTS HAD PLACED IT.

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